

Amendments to the Claims

1. (canceled) A hybrid medical implant comprising an elastomeric, nonbioabsorbable core portion having an outer surface and a bioabsorbable portion affixed to said outer surface of said core portion.
2. (currently amended) A hybrid medical implant comprising an elastomeric, nonbioabsorbable core portion having an outer surface and a ~~bioabsorbable portion~~ ~~affixed to said outer surface of said core portion wherein the bioabsorbable portion~~ ~~comprises a plurality of~~ discrete particles of a bioabsorbable material partially embedded in said outer surface of ~~said nonbioabsorbable core portion~~ such that an exposed portion of ~~the~~ said particles projects outwardly from said outer surface, ~~of said core portion and~~ said exposed portion of said particles and said outer surface of said core portion ~~provide~~ in combination providing an outer surface of said hybrid medical implant and wherein said outer surface of said hybrid medical implant has an irregular topography such that immediately upon implantation of the hybrid medical implant within the body, the exposed portion of said plurality of particles of bioabsorbable material project outwardly from said outer surface of said core portion; and after the particles of bioabsorbable material ~~is~~ are absorbed by the body, the outer surface of said core portion of said hybrid medical implant has a plurality of open craters therewithin, said hybrid medical implant being made by a process including the steps of: (a) coating an outer surface of an implantable article with a curable elastomeric composition to form an uncured core portion; then (b) applying a plurality of discrete bioabsorbable particles to said uncured core portion

such that said bioabsorbable particles are only partially embedded within said uncured core portion; then (c) curing said uncured core portion.

3. (canceled) The hybrid medical implant of Claim 1 wherein said core portion comprises a fluid-filled elastomeric shell.
4. (previously presented) The hybrid medical implant of Claim 2 wherein said core portion comprises a fluid-filled elastomeric shell.
5. (canceled) The hybrid medical implant of Claim 1 wherein said core portion comprises a solid elastomeric body.
6. (previously presented) The hybrid medical implant of Claim 2 wherein said core portion comprises a solid elastomeric body.
7. (canceled) The hybrid medical implant of Claim 1 wherein said elastomeric core portion comprises silicone.
8. (previously presented) The hybrid medical implant of Claim 2 wherein said elastomeric core portion comprises silicone.
9. (canceled) The hybrid medical implant of Claim 3 wherein said elastomeric shell comprises silicone.
10. (canceled) A hybrid medical implant comprising an elastomeric, nonbioabsorbable core portion having an outer surface and a bioabsorbable portion affixed to said outer surface of said core portion wherein said bioabsorbable portion comprises a bioabsorbable material selected from the group consisting of collagen, chitin, chitosan, polymers or copolymers of lactide, glycolide, caprolactone, polydioxanone, trimethylene carbonate, polyorthoesters and polyethylene oxide.

11. (currently amended) A hybrid medical implant of claim 2 ~~comprising an elastomeric, nonbioabsorbable core portion having an outer surface and a bioabsorbable portion affixed to said outer surface of said core portion~~ wherein said bioabsorbable portion comprises an antibiotic.
12. (canceled) A hybrid medical implant in accordance with claim 11 wherein said antibiotic is disposed between said core portion and said bioabsorbable portion of said implant.
13. (canceled) A hybrid medical implant comprising an elastomeric, nonbioabsorbable core portion having an outer surface and a bioabsorbable portion affixed to said outer surface of said core portion wherein said bioabsorbable portion comprises a plurality of bioabsorbable materials.